

EXHIBIT “A”**RICO STATEMENT****QUESTION #2**

DEFENDANT	MISCONDUCT	BASIS OF LIABILITY
Saleh Abdullah Kamel	<p>Sheikh Saleh Abdullah Kamel has long provided financial support and other forms of material support to terrorist organizations including but not limited to Radical Muslim Terrorism, or the al Qaeda, and/or the International Islamic Front for the Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders. Kamel conducted or participated directly and/or indirectly in the conduct of the Enterprise’s affairs and participated in the operation or management of the operation of the Enterprise itself. Kamel conspired to conduct and/or participate in the operation or management of the enterprise itself.</p> <p>Saleh Abdullah Kamel, son of Abdullah Kamel and Fatma Nagro, was born in Makkah, Saudi Arabia, in 1941. After serving as an adviser to the Saudi Minister of Finance, he founded Dallah Al Baraka Group, LLC in 1969, quickly establishing himself as one of the leading promoters of an Islamic financial and banking system capable of rivaling large Western institutions.</p> <p>Beginning in the late 1970s, Saleh Kamel financed and developed Dallah Al Baraka and its subsidiaries to operate as profitable banking and investment institutions and to serve as financial vehicles for transferring millions of dollars to Islamic militants around the world.</p> <p>In 1982, Saleh Kamel and Dallah Al Baraka began directing tens of millions of dollars in funds to at least 20 non-governmental organizations – including Osama Bin Laden’s Mekhtab al Khidmat—the predecessor to al Qaeda – which operated as a financing front for the Afghan mujahideen in their battle against the Soviets.</p> <p>Dallah Al Baraka, a diversified conglomerate based in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, is involved in various industries, services, and financial activities. The group includes 23 banks located mostly in the Arab and Islamic countries, in addition to several investment and financial companies. Dallah Al Baraka posted sales of \$4.50 billion and assets of \$12.42 billion for 2001. The group is third in Saudi company in sales.</p>	1962(a) 1962(c) 1962(d)

	<p>The Dallah Al Baraka financial arm is Al Baraka Investment & Development (ABID), a wholly owned subsidiary based in Jeddah. Its investments include 43 subsidiaries, mainly banks in Arab and Islamic countries. Most of them are known as or registered as “Al Baraka Bank” or “Al Barakaat Bank”.</p> <p>These assets include, but are not limited to, Al Tawfeek Co. for Investment Funds Ltd. (Cayman Islands), Egyptian-Saudi Finance Bank, Jordan Islamic Bank, Al Baraka Bank Sudan. ABID is also a shareholder of several other banks, Arab Albanian Bank, Islamic Bank Bangladesh Ltd., Faisal Islamic Bank-Egypt, Lariba Bank Kazakh/American, Yemen Islamic Bank for Finance & Investment.</p> <p>ABID assets, including funds under management, are valued at \$4.4 billion. US assets include Al Baraka Bancorp Inc. in Chicago, Illinois and Al Baraka Bancorp Inc. in Houston, Texas.</p> <p>Dallah Al Baraka’s portfolio includes a wholly owned subsidiary specializing in aviation services, Dallah Avco Trans-Arabia Co. Ltd. The company was formed in 1975 and is based in Jeddah.</p> <p>Dallah Al Baraka has also facilitated Jihad operations in the world and providing Osama Bin Laden with financial infrastructures in Sudan since 1983.</p> <p>ABID is indeed mostly present in the Sudanese banking sector through assets held in Algharb Islamic Bank, Al Shamal Islamic Bank, Faisal Islamic Bank, Sudanese Islamic Bank, and Tadamon Islamic Bank. ABID is also affiliated to National Development Bank in Sudan.</p> <p>Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka materially supported Osama Bin Laden and his al Qaeda network of front companies, farms, and factories in Sudan by entering into joint “symbiotic business” investments with Bin Laden entities.</p> <p>Saleh Kamel established ABID as a central financial clearing house for Islamic terrorism when al Qaeda first started carrying out attacks against the United States. An advertisement in the December 1993 issue of the <i>Al-Igatha Journal</i>, the official International Islamic Relief</p>	
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	<p>Organization publication, illustrates how Saleh Kamel has carried out his ongoing jihad. The advertisement states:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“All donations are deposited into the organization’s joint accounts in all the branches of ... Al Baraka General Fund (G, K) and all the branches of Al Baraka Bank Group around the world.”</p> <p>The advertisement also states that with the financial assistance of ABID, the IIRO will distribute funds to “Somalia, Afghanistan, Kashmir ... Palestine, Lebanon, the Philippines, Albania, and the former Yugoslavia.”</p> <p>Saleh Kamel and ABID are also major shareholders of the Arab Albanian Bank and Faisal Islamic Bank-Egypt. Kamel’s conglomerate Dallah al Baraka has large investments in Islamic banks, including al Tawqa bank based in the Bahamas, among other financial institutions. Kamel is chairman of the Bahrain-based General Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (IBFI).</p> <p>Saleh Kamel has long been suspected by the United States of materially supporting transnational terrorist groups, such as the Muslim Brotherhood and Al Qaeda. In fact, the United States Government has been investigating Saleh Abdullah Kamel for his material support of Al Qaeda along with numerous other <i>Burnett</i> defendants since September 11, 2001. Sealed indictments have been issued against several of these major material supporters of al Qaeda, and the assets of other material sponsors have already been frozen by the Department of Treasury.</p> <p>In March 2002, the Bosnian police found several documents and items regarding the history of Al-Qaeda during searches in the offices of Benevolence International Foundation (BIF) in Sarajevo. A computer file labeled “Tareekh Osama”, or “Osama History”, contained scanned images of several documents, including a list known as the “Golden Chain”, that according to the US government is “a list of people referred to within Al Qaeda as the “Golden Chain” or wealthy donors to mujahideen efforts”. Among them was Saleh Abdullah Kamel.</p> <p>The Golden Chain list (or list of wealthy Saudi sponsors) was presented by the US government as Exhibit 5 in the Department of Justice “Government’s Evidentiary Proffer Supporting the Admissibility of Coconspirator Statements”</p>	
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	<p>in the case of <i>USA v. Arnaout</i> (USDC, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division) filed on January 29, 2003. The list was also mentioned in the Indictment of Enaam Arnaout on October 9, 2002 (02 CR 892).</p> <p>The “Golden Chain” list was introduced and relied on in <i>United States v. Arnaout</i>, No. 02 Cr. 892, 2003 WL255226, at *1-2 (N.D. Ill. Feb. 4, 2003). It has been referenced and included as a resource to be used in the sentencing hearing of al Qaeda sponsor Enaam Arnaout; cited by the <i>9/11 Commission's Final Report</i> in July 2004 and the Congressional Research Service in their reports; and has been used by the U.S. Treasury in designating persons as Specifically Designated Global Terrorists (SDGT), a decision not lightly taken by the executive branch of the government.</p> <p>A former member of al Qaeda, Jamal al Fadl has reviewed and confirmed that the names on the list are members of Osama bin Laden’s “Golden Chain” in a 302 Statement taken by the FBI. Jamal al Fadl specifically identified Saleh Kamel, Yousef Jameel, Wael Jelaidan and Adel Batterjee (and others) as direct financiers and facilitators of al Qaeda. Al Fadl is a former al Qaeda leader who repudiated Osama bin Laden in the 1990's and has appeared as a principal government witness in numerous al Qaeda terrorist trials.</p> <p>In 1992, Saleh Kamel contributed substantial funds and 10 ambulances to the Saudi Higher Committee for Collecting Donations for Muslims of Bosnia-Herzegovina. At the fundraising event, Saleh Kamel was put on notice regarding the true purpose of the contributions. The Chairman of the Higher Committee, Abdul Mohsen Al-Kayal told the audience that making contributions to the committee was a “kind of jihad and Muslims should generously help the Bosnian Muslims.”</p> <p>As part of his ongoing material support for Al Qaeda and other Islamic militants groups in the Balkans, Saleh Kamel visited Bulgaria “prior to 1999 and met with members of various Islamic foundations financed by fundamentalist circles.”</p> <p>In 1998, Saleh Kamel’s Al Baraka Bank in Turkey transferred 1,059,687 Deutsche Marks (DEM) from an Al Haramain account at Al Baraka account in Turkey to the</p>	
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	<p>Deposit Bank (Depozitnaya Banka) in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina where Al Haramain also maintained an account. Of this amount, 300,000 DEM disappeared from Al Haramain accounts.</p> <p>The brothers Maulana Mohammed Rafi Usmani and Maulana Justice Mohammed Taqi Usmani are well-known Islamic clerics in Pakistan who direct the Jami Darul Ulum Madrassa in Karachi, Pakistan.</p> <p>Both brothers have, at various times, served on the Shariah Compliance Board of Saleh Kamel's Al Baraka Bank. Darul Ulum has certified Al Baraka Bank as a "true Islamic bank."</p> <p>The Darul Ulum Madrassa "backs jihadi organizations and both the Usmani brothers have provided practical help in setting jihadi organizations and delegates of these organizations have permission to preach and collect donations from mosques and branches of the madrassa."</p> <p>Darul Ulum provides support to Al Qaeda affiliates and SDGT entities Harkatul Mujahideen, Jaish-e-Mohammed and Jamiatul Mujahideen.</p> <p>Both Rafi and Taqi Usmani were signatories to a fatwa in late 2001 supporting the Taliban and Al Qaeda in their war against the United States.</p> <p>Saleh Kamel's personally held assets include Al Baraka Bancorp, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois; Al Baraka Bancorp, Inc. in California and Al Baraka Bancorp, Inc. in Houston, Texas. As early as 1984, Saleh Kamel held "sizeable investments in the United States..." via his financial interests in the Dallah Al Baraka Group.</p> <p>In 1996, Dallah Al Baraka owned more than \$230 million in assets in the United States and Europe. Saleh Kamel's Al Baraka Bancorp, Chicago held \$44 million in assets.</p> <p>In 2004, as chairman of the General Council of Islamic Banks, Saleh Kamel hosted other Islamic financial institutions and John Snow, U.S. Treasury Secretary, at a Washington Islamic Banks conference. The event was designed to "present the true picture of the activities of Islamic banks."</p>	
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	<p>IIRO, was established to receive, invest, and generate funds for the operations of International Relief Organization (IRO)—the ‘United States arm’ of IIRO. Beginning in about 1991, IRO was operated out of an office at 360 S. Washington St. in Falls Church, Virginia by Dr. Sulaiman bin Ali Al-Ali.</p> <p>Sanabel al Khair/IIRO’s 1989 articles of incorporation list Saleh Kamel as a board member in their Washington, DC office. He is also listed as an incorporating board member alongside Ibrahim Mohammed Afandi, a fellow Golden Chain Al Qaeda fundraiser.</p> <p>Sanabel al Khair/IIRO has long diverted legitimate funds to support terrorism, soliciting donations through full-page advertisements run in leading Islamic journals. These advertisements calling for zakat contributions to assist the needy in Chechnya, Bosnia, and other such areas provided account numbers to facilitate the contribution of funds. These advertisements ran throughout the 1990s and continue to run in such publications as <i>Al Igatha</i> and the <i>Muslim World League Journal</i> (publications distributed widely throughout the United States). Account numbers appear for Al Baraka Bank, a subsidiary of Dallah al Baraka, owned and controlled by Saleh Kamel.</p> <p>A December 1993 advertisement from the official publication of the International Islamic Relief Organization, <i>Al Igatha Journal</i>, which was distributed across the United States, illustrates how Saleh Kamel carried out his jihad by establishing Al Baraka as a central financial clearing house for Islamic terrorism during the period when Al Qaeda first started carrying out attacks against the United States. The advertisement states:</p> <p>“All donations are deposited into the organization’s joint accounts in all the branches of ... Al Baraka General Fund (G,K) and all the branches of Al Baraka Bank Group around the world.” The advertisement states that with the financial assistance of Al Baraka, the IIRO will distribute funds to “Somalia, Afghanistan, Kashmir ... Palestine, Lebanon, the Philippines, Albania, and the former Yugoslavia.”</p>	
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	<p>annual "Patterns of Global Terrorism" for 1991:</p> <p>Terrorist and militant Moslem groups have increased their presence in Sudan. The government reportedly has allowed terrorist groups to train on its territory and has offered Sudan as a sanctuary to terrorist organizations. The National Islamic Front (NIF), under the leadership of Hassan al-Turabi, has intensified its domination of the government of Sudanese President General Bashir and has been the main advocate of closer relations with radical groups and their sponsors.</p> <p>Osama bin Laden moved to the Sudan in 1991, where he was welcomed by Al Turabi and the National Islamic Front. In fact, Hassan Al Turabi held a lavish reception in bin Laden's honor upon his arrival. Al Turabi permitted and endorsed the creation of training camps by Osama bin Laden and other radical Islamic terrorist groups to promote jihad or holy war. Turabi provided these camps and the Al Qaeda network with military and logistical support through the government of Sudan.</p> <p>During 1991, Saleh Kamel, Yassin Al Qadi and Prince Mohamed Al Faisal visited Sudan with other Saudi businessmen to examine foreign investment opportunities in Sudan. The event was hosted by the Sudanese government.</p> <p>Also in 1991, Turabi organized the Popular Arab and Islamic Congress (Al-Mutamar al-Arabi al'Shabi al-Islami, PAIC). The PAIC, or General Assembly as it was called by its delegates, held its first meeting in Khartoum for three days from April 25 to 28, 1991. "Islamists from the Middle East were, of course, well represented, but there were exotic members such as the Abu Sayyaf movement from the Philippines. Among their leaders was Muhammad Jamal Khalifa, brother-in-law of Osama bin Laden."</p> <p>"There were [also] numerous individual patrons of the conference, like-minded Saudis including Osama bin Laden who had recently begun to invest in the Sudan. During the deliberations of the conference Turabi</p>	
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	<p>presented a foreign policy initiative to the Sudan government based on an Islamist model of his own creation. He argued that Khartoum should serve as an outpost, a meeting place, and a training camp for Afghan-Arabs. Using the Sudan as a safe-haven they could spread the Islamist message to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kashmir, and the former Soviet republics of Central Asia."</p> <p>Turabi used the PAIC to bring together Islamic radicals from around the world who were actively participating in Islamic jihad. During this first meeting of the PAIC, Al Turabi led the attendees with chants of "Down with the USA" in English and "Death to the Jews" in Arabic. Turabi also preached DMI's message of jihad to various student groups. At the sixth Student Union Conference at the University of Khartoum, Turabi urged Muslim youths throughout the world "to take up the challenge of uniting the Islamic countries [that] could never be achieved without jihad ... the Islamic era will prevail, where truth defeats falsehood and all Moslems live in a united Islamic Nation."</p> <p>In October 1994, Hassan Al Turabi opened and chaired the second Conference on Inter-Religious Dialogue in Khartoum. Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri, Al Qaeda's second in command, was in attendance. At the conference Turabi accused the West of trying to wipe out Muslim independence. Attendees lashed out in "diatribes against tyranny, imperialism, the West and the United States--the 'Great Satan.'"</p> <p>Turabi also praised the fatwa issued by Osama bin Laden from Afghanistan on August 23, 1996 entitled "Declaration of Jihad against Americans occupying the land of the Two Holy Mosques," which calls for jihad against Americans.</p> <p>In 1998, Turabi sent a delegation to Saddam Hussein in Iraq to coordinate attacks on Americans. "Since America is an open society governed by weak liberals, he argued, it would be helpless against a sustained terrorist onslaught... To do this, he envisioned a terrorist attack like none before, striking at the very heart of the United States."</p> <p>The United Kingdom has publicly reported at length the activities of Osama Bin Laden in Sudan, Somalia, and Kenya during 1992 and 1993 being materially supported</p>	
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	<p>by Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka:</p> <p>In 1992 and 1993 Mohamed Atef [Al Qaeda's military chief] traveled to Somalia on several occasions for the purpose of organizing violence against United States and United Nations troops then stationed in Somalia. On each occasion, he reported back to Osama Bin Laden, at his base in the Riyadh district of Khartoum.</p> <p>In the spring of 1993 Atef, Saif al Adel, another senior member of Al Qaeda, and other members began to provide military training to Somali tribes for the purpose of fighting the United Nations forces.</p> <p>On October 3 and 4, 1993 operatives of Al Qaeda participated in the attack on US military personnel serving in Somalia as part of Operation 'Restore Hope.' Eighteen US military personnel were killed in the attack.</p> <p>From 1993 members of Al Qaeda began to live in Nairobi and set up businesses there. They were regularly visited there by senior members of Al Qaeda, including Atef and Abu Ubaidah al Banshiri.</p> <p>Beginning in the latter part of 1993, members of Al Qaeda in Kenya began to discuss the possibility of attacking the US Embassy in Nairobi in retaliation for US participation in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. Ali Mohamed, A US citizen and admitted member of Al Qaeda, surveyed the US Embassy as a possible target for a terrorist attack. He took photographs and made sketches, which he presented to Osama Bin Laden while Bin Laden was in Sudan.</p> <p>An Al Baraka annual report from the period describes how Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka have "numerous major projects, such as the maintenance and operation of airports,</p>	
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	<p>[and] construction of roads” During this time, Osama Bin Laden was overseeing a number of major road and airport construction projects in Sudan and manufacturing light equipment in the country.</p> <p>In January 1992, U.S. diplomats warned the government of Sudan to stop harbouring terrorists from the “radical Palestinian organization of Abu Nidal, the Iranian-backed Hizbollah Group, and allowing operatives to use the country as a “safe haven.” An American official stated in the article: “[t]his is a [terrorist] safe haven of choice. They [terrorists] can come and go as they please. They operate here with impunity.”</p> <p>The official also stated that “if Sudan was a facilitator of these terrorist groups, then the actions of the terrorist groups would be a responsibility of Sudan.” In late 1992, “Islamic extremists who perpetrated the December 1992 attempted bombings against some 100 U.S. servicemen in Aden” told U.S. authorities that Bin Laden financed their group.</p> <p>In May 1993, a joint Egyptian-Saudi investigation disclosed that Bin Laden business interests helped funnel money to Egyptian extremists, who used the cash to buy unspecified equipment, printing presses, and weapons.</p> <p>In August 1993, it was widely reported in the English, Arabic, and Sudanese press that the United States placed Sudan on its list of state sponsors of terrorism for its support of Islamic fundamentalist terrorist entities.</p> <p>A portion of Saleh Kamel’s investment revenues in Sudan were annually required to be committed to zakat – the Islamic almsgiving. However, in Sudan, Saleh Kamel was on notice that his personal and corporate contributions to the state zakat fund were being used to finance Islamic fundamentalist militant activities.</p> <p>In March 1991, Hassan Turabi’s National Islamic Front ruling government instituted the Islamic Shariah Support Fund (ISSF) in accordance with presidential decree No. (239) dated March 7, 1991. The Fund’s stated purpose:</p> <p>“aims in general at supporting the implementation of Shariah by deepening</p>	
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	<p>Islamic faith and practices spreading and encouraging holy war (Jihad)...The Fund has the following specific objectives: to support institutions, corporations and projects which aim at spreading Islamic belief...mobilization and training of the popular defense forces; and providing for martyrs' families."</p> <p>The ISSF jihad fund's largest public or private contributors were al Shamal Islamic Bank, contributing 7 million Sudanese Pounds, and Tadamon Islamic Bank, contributing 5 million Sudanese Pounds to support jihadist terrorist activities in Sudan and abroad. Saleh Kamel is a founding shareholder and principal investor in the al Shamal Islamic Bank.</p> <p>Osama bin Laden warned the West, in the 1999 August edition of <i>Sudanow</i> two months before Al Qaeda coordinated attack on American soldiers in Mogadishu, Somalia in October 1993 which killed 19 American troops. The attack was carried out by Arab veterans of the Afghanistan war, who were trained for the plot in Osama Bin Laden's terrorist training camps in Sudan.</p> <p>Osama Bin Laden was using diverted zakat funds, provided by Saleh Kamel and other major investors in the Sudanese economy, to recruit and train Al Qaeda recruits and expand his network of jihadist fighters in preparation for attacks on U.S. targets.</p> <p>In November 1993, the Arab Albanian Islamic Bank (AAIB) was formally established in Tirana, Albania. AAIB was formed with the following partners: Arab Islamic Bank (20%), Islamic Development Bank (15%), National Commercial Bank of Albania (40%), Saudi Dallah Al Baraka Group (10%), and individuals from Saudi Arabia (15%). Al Baraka Bank had an indirect control of AAIB through its own stake in the bank and through its own shareholding interest in the Islamic Development Bank.</p> <p>The Arab Albanian Islamic Bank was used by Osama Bin Laden operations. The first allegations of terrorism funding appeared in 1998 with the release of a letter signed by several employees stating, "...a secrecy that cannot be maintained in an institution that pretends to be serious".</p>	
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	<p>and purpose of these charities, the individuals who control them, including board members and trustees, the sources of their funding, the beneficiaries and uses of the donations collected and their respective amounts.</p> <p>The Saudi American Bank is the official correspondent of the al Baraka Bank Lebanon, based in Beirut and chaired by Saleh Abdullah Kamel. The Saudi American Bank has maintained a partnership with al Baraka financial system since its beginning.</p> <p>The Saudi American Bank serves as the bank for the Dallah al Baraka Group. The Saudi American Bank is close to the Saudi Bin Laden family, and appears on its financial transactions. Bin Laden for Contracting and Trading is owned by members of the Bin Laden family, including Bakr Bin Laden and Mohammed Bin Laden.</p> <p>Regarding the construction of infrastructure in Sudan while Osama bin Laden was training and developing al Qaeda terrorists, the Saudi Bin Laden Group offered material support. The Public Buildings and Airports Division of Saudi Bin Laden Group participated in the construction of the Port Sudan Airport, and Mohamed Binyamin Organization (or “Bin Laden Organization”) provided a technical assistance to major road construction. The Saudi Bin Laden Group confirmed publicly these two collaborations with Sudan during al Qaeda’s and Osama bin Laden’s tenure there.</p> <p>Saudi American Bank financed these Sudanese works, directly providing material support and assistance to Osama bin Laden. Indeed, Saudi American Bank was the main banker of the Saudi Bin Laden Group and Bin Laden Organization with respect to Sudanese operations. Saudi American Bank is also the Riyadh correspondent of al Faisal Islamic Bank managed by Mohamed al Faisal al Saud. Al Faisal Islamic Bank has facilitated al Qaeda terrorist operations as detailed herein. The Saudi American Bank is also the main correspondent in Riyadh for a branch of al Shamal Bank, a branch of DMI Trust based in Nassau, involved in the financing of al Qaeda.</p> <p>In year 2000, the Saudi American Bank participated in the fund raising campaign in Saudi Arabia for collecting donations to the “heroes of the Al Quds uprising”</p>	
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	<p>(Intifada) by providing a bank account and facilities to receive donations for a committee of charity organizations including World Assembly of Muslim Youth, International Islamic Relief Organization and al Haramain Foundation.</p> <p>Kamel visited Sudan in March 2003. The junket was led by Prince Amin Muhammad al-Faisal al-Saud, chairman of Faisal Islamic Bank, and included Omar Bin Laden head of Bin Laden International Overseas Co., Shaykh Gamil Khogair. Al-Faisal addressed a Symposium of Arab and Foreign Investments.</p> <p>Al Barakaat was able to penetrate the United States banking system with the help of Ahmed Ali Jumale (or "Jumale"). Employed by Barakaat Boston, Ahmed Ali Jumale, is a Somali financier who founded Barakaat and was a close associate of Osama bin Laden. From 1979 to 1986, Jumale worked in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia as a senior employee of the Saudi American Bank. The bank was founded by Citibank, which owned 40% of it at the time he worked there.</p> <p>Saleh Abdullah Kamel was one of the three founding members of al Shamal Islamic Bank in 1983, along with a Sudanese company, al Shamal for Investment and Development and the Government of Northern State, then controlled by Governor Mutasin Abdel-Rahim, representative of Hassan Al-Turabi.</p> <p>In April 1984, the bank issued shares for subscription of main founders. They included the Government of Northern State, Faisal Islamic Bank Sudan and three individuals and entities representing Saleh Abdullah Kamel, including himself, his brother Omar Abdullah Kamel and Al Baraka Investment and Development. According to newly obtained information on al Shamal Islamic Bank, they owned in total 20% of the shares of Al Shamal Islamic Bank when first shares were issued in 1985.</p> <p>Osama Bin Laden was close to the new regime of Hassan Al-Turabi, leader of the National Islamic Front (NIF) and conducted several business projects with or on behalf of the NIF.</p> <p>One of these projects concerned Al Shamal Islamic Bank, as reported by the State Department:</p>	
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	<p>“Bin Laden and wealthy NIF members capitalized al Shamal Islamic Bank in Khartoum. Bin Laden invested \$50 million in the bank.”</p> <p>The provisional Board of Directors, approved in July 1988, included ABID and the National Development Bank, an affiliate of ABID.</p> <p>Main shareholders of the al Shamal Bank as of October 1st, 2001, as reported by the bank itself, include Saleh Abdullah Kamel and ABID. Saleh Abdullah Kamel holds 15% of the bank shares.</p> <p>Al Shamal Islamic Bank General Manager Mohammad S. Mohammad acknowledged, in a September 2001 press release, that Osama bin Laden had two accounts in the bank, opened on March 30, 1992 for Al-Hijrah for Construction and Development Ltd, a company the State Department says “works directly with Sudanese military officials to transport and provision terrorists training in [terrorist training camps in northern Sudan]”.</p> <p>A former Bin Laden associate, Jamal Ahmed Al-Fadl, testified during the U.S. trial on the 1998 African embassy bombings that Osama Bin Laden and at least 6 Al-Qaeda operatives held bank accounts in al Shamal Islamic Bank under their real names:</p> <p>Q: While you were in the Sudan, did you handle money for Osama Bin Laden? A: Could you repeat the question. Q: Did you work on the finances for al Qaeda while you were in the Sudan? A: Yes. Q: Did you know where the bank accounts of Osama Bin Laden and al Qaeda were? A: Yes. Q: Do you know whose names they were in? A: The bank account under Usama Bin Laden in Bank Shaml [Al Shamal Islamic Bank], Khartoum. Q: That was under Osama Bin Laden's true name? A: Yes.</p>	
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	<p>Q: Were there accounts in other names? A: Yes. Afad Makkee got account also. Q: Afad Makkee, the account that he had under his name, do you know what name that is? A: I remember Madani Sidi al Tayyib. Q: Do you know of any other persons who had al Qaeda money in their accounts? A: Abu Rida al Suri. Q: Do you know his true name? A: Nidal. Q: Anyone else that you knew had al Qaeda money in bank accounts in their name? A: Abu Hajer al Iraqi. Q: Do you know his true name? A: Mamdouh Salim. Q: Did you have any accounts in your name? A: Shared with Abu Fadhl. Q: So you had accounts in your name that were shared with Abu Fadhl? A: Yes. Q: Do you recall anyone else that had bank accounts in their name for al Qaeda? A: Abdouh al Mukhlafi.</p> <p>Jamal Ahmed Al-Fadl also testified that Al-Qaeda operatives received monthly checks of several hundred dollars from al Shamal Islamic Bank accounts:</p> <p>Q: When you worked for Osama Bin Laden, in the Sudan, how much were you paid? A: \$1,200 (...) per month. Q: For how long did you work for him? A: Almost two years. Q: What banks did he keep his money at? A: Bank el Shamar [Al Shamal Islamic Bank]. Q: Any other banks? A: I think he had accounts in different banks, but I only recall Bank Shamar [Al Shamal Islamic Bank].</p> <p>Jamal Ahmed Al-Fadl also testified that he transferred \$100,000 from Al Shamal Islamic Bank to an Al-Qaeda representative in Jordan:</p>	
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	<p>Q: How did you carry the \$100,000?</p> <p>A: In my bag with my clothes.</p> <p>Q: Do you recall what kind of bills the \$100,000 was in?</p> <p>A: I remember they all hundred bill.</p> <p>Q: Sorry?</p> <p>A: They all hundred bill.</p> <p>Q: They were all hundred dollar bills?</p> <p>A: Yes.</p> <p>Q: Who gave you the money?</p> <p>A: Abu Fadhl, he bring it from Shamal Bank [Al Shamal Islamic Bank] and he bring it to me.</p> <p>Q: Abu Fadhl brought it from the Shamal Bank [Al Shamal Islamic Bank]?</p> <p>A: Yes.</p> <p>During the course of the same trial, another associate of Bin Laden, Essam Al Ridi, testified that the bank was used for operational purposes in stating that "\$250,000 was wired from al Shamal Islamic Bank" via Bank of New York to a Bank of America account held in Dallas, Texas - - where he used it to "buy a plane delivered to bin Laden...intended to transport Stinger missiles...." in 1993.</p> <p>Furthermore, al Shamal Islamic Bank Chairman Adel Abdul Jalil Batterjee, shareholder in person since June 7, 1999 and through Al-Bir Organization since October 13, 1998, is the Chairman of Al-Bir Saudi Organization. Al Bir's US branch, Benevolence International Foundation (BIF), was subject to a complaint from the FBI on April 29, 2002. The assets of the Benevolence International Foundation have been frozen by the United States Department of Treasury on suspicion that the charity was secretly funding Al Qaeda.</p> <p>Senator Carl Levin, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation of the Governmental Affairs Committee recently stated that al Shamal Islamic Bank operations continue and that there are indications that Osama Bin Laden is still shareholder of the bank through trustees and may still use the bank facilities.</p> <p>Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka continued to maintain joint investments, shares, finances, and correspondent bank</p>	
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	<p>accounts with al Shamal even after it was widely known that the bank was materially supporting international terrorism and Osama Bin Laden and that Bin Laden was a major investor in the bank.</p> <p>Osama Bin Laden was allowed to maintain accounts as an investor in al Shamal Bank even though, as al Shamal shareholder and Saleh Kamel's "social friend" Yassin Al Qadi stated: "[b]y February 1994 bin Laden had already been stripped of his Saudi nationality and was a well-known supporter of Islamic terrorist causes."</p> <p>When SDGT Yassin Al Qadi invested in the al Shamal Bank, he was instructed by the bank's managers to transfer funds to the bank via al Shamal's correspondent account at Saleh Kamel's Al Baraka Bank. This fact indicates that Saleh Kamel was using Al Baraka as a vehicle for covertly directing funds to Al Qaeda by having major terrorist financiers, such as Yassin Al Qadi, funnel money through Al Baraka to end-point financial institutions, such as Al Shamal, which would then distribute funds to the Bin Laden network. Yassin al Qadi was also an investor in Saleh Kamel's subsidiary company, Al-Tawfeek Company until 1997.</p> <p>Additionally, recently disclosed financial documents obtained from the offices of the Third World Relief Agency (TWRA), an Islamic charity responsible for the funding of militant Islamic activities in Bosnia, show that Elfatih Ali Hassanein, the Director of the Third World Relief Agency in Vienna, Austria, made a sizable financial transfer (No. 769) to Al Barak Tuek, Buyukdere Caddesi 78, 80290 Mecidiyekoy. This address corresponds to the offices of Al Baraka Turkish Finance House, a subsidiary of Kamel's ABID.</p> <p>TWRA Director Elfatih Hassanein was expelled from Austria in 1994 due to his support for Islamic extremist activities. During Hassanein's time in Vienna when he served as the director of TWRA, the Sudanese national also held the position of cultural attaché at the Sudanese Embassy.</p> <p>During this period, Sudan was harboring and supporting Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda network and operating terrorist training camps for al Qaeda and other</p>	
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	<p>transnational terrorist groups. As an important leader in the Sudanese National Islamic Front government, Hassanein served as a significant financial link between the Sudanese regime, Osama bin Laden and the Muslim jihad taking place in the Balkans.</p> <p>In a 1994 interview with the Islamist magazine <i>Gazi Husrev Beg</i>, Hassanein called for the creation of an Islamic state in Bosnia. "Bosnia, at the end, must be Muslim Bosnia, otherwise everything has lost its sense and this was for nothing."</p> <p>In 1977, Saleh Kamel helped found and was an initial personal investor and director in the Islamic Bank of Luxembourg. A historical document of the Muslim Brotherhood, the <i>Financial Strategy of the Muslim Brothers</i>, illustrates that Saleh Kamel was involved early on in using financial institutions as a cover to secretly finance and facilitate the recruitment and training of Islamic militants.</p> <p>The document describes how Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka used the Islamic Bank of Luxembourg to establish a financial base for the Islamic militant movement:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">No doubt the economic side is important for any Dawa, since it has to own the economic foundation which makes available the financial resources which protects it from upheavals on the political front and in a way that makes it less dependent on individual charity payments. Also, this base offers a field for training human resources for the Gamaat [Muslim Brotherhood], in different economic and technical fields. On top of this, it will be easy to use the economic base as an umbrella which can not be easily penetrated through political activities.</p> <p>The document states the Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka is the largest shareholder in the bank among the Muslim Brotherhood with 25,000 shares.</p> <p>With the investment support of Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka, the Muslim Brotherhood was able to become the majority investor in the Islamic Bank of Luxembourg in</p>	
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	<p>order to “be in a position to manipulate and manage it as a Gamaat [Muslim Brothers] Bank ...”</p> <p>Swiss authorities have seized a copy of the <i>Financial Strategy of the Muslim Brotherhood</i> containing details regarding Al Taqwa founders and shareholders during searches of Al Taqwa offices in Switzerland. The same document was found in a house owned by Youssef Nada. The same document mentions Saleh Abdullah Kamel as being member of the board of directors of the Islamic Bank of Luxemburg.</p> <p>The Muslim Brotherhood, initially helped established the International Islamic Bank in Luxemburg with a capital of \$100 million.</p> <p>By becoming majority owners in the International Islamic Bank in Luxemburg, Saleh Kamel and the Muslim Brotherhood were able to keep secret money transactions, since it is regarded as safe from security watch domains. It broadens the field of Islamic alternatives, in a practical framework for Islamic principles and the ideas of the Gamaat in the field of finance and economics ... is a good instrument to implement many projects which are necessary for the Gamaat and its members ... [and] it is a good instrument to train higher level economic, financial and technical staff, within the framework of the Gamaat plan. Moreover, expansion in the Bank’s activities, shall lead to absorption of a great many specialized members of the Gamaat in its different departments.</p> <p>Saleh Abdullah Kamel and Al Baraka Bank, appear as initial shareholders of the International Islamic Bank, predecessor of Al Taqwa Bank, affiliated to the Muslim Brotherhood.</p> <p>On November 7, 2001, Bank Al-Taqwa, its affiliated business and key executives were designated as financial supporters of Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda by President George W. Bush. In announcing the designation of Al-Taqwa as a global terrorist entity, President Bush stated:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Al Taqwa is an association of offshore banks and financial management firms that have helped al Qaeda shift money around the world. Al Taqwa raises money for Al</p>	
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	<p>Qaeda. They manage, invest, and distribute those funds...They present themselves as legitimate businesses, but they skim money from every transaction for the benefit of terrorist organizations.”</p> <p>In 2002, US Treasury Secretary Paul O’Neill stated the following regarding Al Taqwa:</p> <p>“As of October 2000, Bank Al Taqwa appeared to be providing a clandestine line of credit to a close associate of Osama bin Laden and as of late September 2001, Osama bin Laden and his Al Qaeda organization received financial assistance from Youssef M. Nada [director of the bank].”</p> <p>The co-director of Bank Al Taqwa, SDGT Youssef Nada, who has been a senior leader of the Muslim Brotherhood terrorist movement for decades and principal financier of Al Qaeda, has explicitly acknowledged that “I manage [Bank Al-Taqwa] portfolios myself.”</p> <p>Youssef Nada acknowledges that Bank Al Taqwa was publicly under investigation for financing terrorism as early as 1995.</p> <p>Q: A report of the United States Treasury Department, published in 1999, mentioned that fund transfer companies compose a sanctuary for terrorist and criminal bodies, those companies have been used to support terrorism. Do you think that...?</p> <p>A: Well, I cannot exclude that because we started facing the problems publicly from 1995; they were escalated in 1997 and reached the peak in this final situation in 2000-2001.</p> <p>Saleh Abdullah Kamel also appears in a phone book seized during searches of Al Taqwa director Youssef Nada’s house in December 1999. His name is followed by a phone number in Cannes, France as “Kamel Saleh Sheikh, Cannes, 0033936/19607”.</p>	
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	<p>In 1995, it was reported that Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka Bank had “major investments” in Bank Al-Taqlwa, the Bahamas-based Specially Designated Global Terrorist entity.</p> <p>In 1997, while Saleh Kamel maintained investments at Bank Al-Taqlwa, Agence France Presse and the U.S. Department of Treasury reported that terrorist fundraisers were annually transferring \$60 million for the Hamas terrorist group through Bank al Taqlwa accounts. Furthermore, the Treasury Department report mentioned that Bank Al Taqlwa appeared to be providing a clandestine line of credit to a close associate of Osama bin Laden.</p> <p>Thus, as early as 1995, Saleh Kamel knew or should have known that Bank Al Taqlwa was under investigation for financing terrorism and that his finances were very possibly being diverted to terrorist entities.</p> <p>As an Islamic banking institution, Bank Al Taqlwa required its investors to comply with its “own obligations of zakat. The bank managers and directors would then “give [these] funds to fundamentalist groups.”</p> <p>Bank Al Taqlwa diverted funds from investors’ accounts to terrorist entities– but only after the investor authorized the zakat funds to be withdrawn from the investment accounts in compliance with shariah.</p> <p>Thus, Saleh Kamel would have been required to authorize the zakat withdrawal from his mudarabah investment account with the knowledge that these funds could have been used for the material support of terrorism.</p> <p>Along with SDGT Yassin Al Qadi, Saleh Kamel is a founder, financier and shareholder of Albanian International Development, Ltd. (ALINTID) which was established during the early 1990s. The financial institution was reportedly designed to finance construction projects in south-eastern Europe. However, “none of the construction projects were ever built and the money disappeared.”</p> <p>Multiple private and government sources have confirmed that Saleh Kamel and Yassin Al Qadi turned over the</p>	
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	<p>ownership and financial assets of the bank to Osama Bin Laden in support of his international terrorist network when he visited Albania in 1995. OFAC has described Albania as the Ground Zero for terrorist financing. This story has been confirmed by OFAC, a witness by the name of Adnon, and anonymous witness in the U.K.</p> <p>A Russian intelligence memo on Al-Haramain, compiled by the Counter-Terrorism Center illustrates the extent of the financial backing provided by the Al Baraka Bank network:</p> <p>“Through one of its branch offices, the Al-Haramain transferred large amounts of money to the local Wahhabi center in Dagestan, known as the Islamic center “Kavkaz,” in the capital of the republic, Makhachkala, and in the village of Karamakhi in Buinaksk in the Republic of Dagestan. The Al-Haramain set up a new fund in support of Chechnya, known as the Foundation Regarding Chechnya, which used the services of the Al-Barakaat Bank.”</p> <p>A Russian intelligence memo, <i>Reference Information on funding of Abroad-Stationed Chechen Separatists</i>, states the following regarding the international financial structures, involved in funding of Chechen rebels:</p> <p><u>In Saudi Arabia</u> – (...) From Saudi Arabia, moneys are remitted to Chechen separatists through the Lebanese banks of "Al Baraka Bank Lebanon" and "Al-Takwa", which, through their respective affiliations, remitted the total of 10 million US Dollars to Europe. <u>In Great Britain</u> - the “Al-Baraka” bank diverts money through the institution, which is incorporated in Dalian [Dallah] Al Baraka group, controlled by the industrial corporation of Saleh Al Kamel.</p> <p>The use of Al Baraka Bank was confirmed by a statement from Al-Haramain chairman, Aqueell Al Aqueell, who declared that the charity maintained accounts at Al Baraka bank in Saudi Arabia.</p>	
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	<p>The Russian security service (FSB) has publicly alleged that al Baraka Bank was used by the Saudi Al-Haramain Charitable Foundation to funnel money to Islamic resistance fighters in Chechnya.</p> <p>A memo from the FSB details the bank's role in funding Al Haramain:</p> <p>"Al Haramein [Haramain] created a foundation in support to Chechen, whose branch at the end of 1999 was opened in Azerbaijan and it uses the services Al Baraka Bank. Funds were directed into the near-boundary with the Chechen republic region of the operators, which is occupied by the rebel forces. Despite the fact that the official financing is dedicated to religious use for conducting of Moslem holidays, actually they are consumed on the needs of Chechen NVF. On existing knowledge, part of the obtained financing comes from the charitable collections (Zakat) and goes to the personal foreign accounts of field commanders, including Khattab and Basayef. The families of those have settled in the United Arab Emirates and other neighboring countries in the Middle East".</p> <p>FSB had intercepted from Saudi- based Islamic organization Al-Haramain to its envoys in Chechnya, the source said. One of the latest intercepted messages said:</p> <p>"The load is ready for sending -- grenade launchers with ammunition, bullets for various systems, machine-guns, Kalashnikov submachine-guns, sniper rifles. One thousand rounds of ammunition, automatic grenade launchers, a Fagot anti-tank missile and 500 (bullet- proof) vests have been bought."</p> <p>Oleg Syromolotov, Deputy Director of counterintelligence, Russian FSB stated during an interview:</p> <p>"The Saudi Arabian Al-Haramain (...) was funding gunmen and organizing arms</p>	
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	<p>supplies to and the recruitment of foreign mercenaries to fight in Chechnya on the pretext of giving charitable aid.”</p> <p>The US State Department reported the connections between Al-Qaida terrorist organization and Chechen rebel leader Al-Khattab in its annual report on Human Rights Practices for 2001:</p> <p>“The international terrorist leader Usama Bin Laden reportedly sent funds, personnel, and material to elements in the rebel camp. A number of the rebels are not ethnic Chechens and are from foreign countries. According to press reports, as many as 400 of Bin Laden’s followers may have joined the rebels from his base in Afghanistan (...). One rebel field commander, Ibn-ul-Khattab, is Saudi-born and reportedly was trained in Afghanistan by Osama Bin Laden. In October presidential spokesman Sergey Yastrzhembskiy claimed that there were approximately 200 non-Chechen fighters in Chechnya”.</p> <p>The Saudi Al Haramain Islamic Foundation’s offices of Bosnia Herzegovina and Somalia have been added on March 12, 2002 on the list of Special Designated Terrorist (SDN) by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the Department of the Treasury and their assets have been blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 blocking property and prohibiting transactions with persons who commit, threaten to commit or support terrorism.</p> <p>Russian law enforcement agencies have added Servakh Abid Saad to their Wanted List and the head of the public relations centre of the Dagestan branch of the Russian FSB security service, Murad Khadzhimuradov, told Tass, on April 2, 2001, that a criminal case was opened against Servakh Abid Saad under Article 208 of the Russian Criminal Code on “organisation and participation in illegal armed detachments” adding that he was in possession of documents proving that Chechen extremists, including Khattab, Basayev, and Barayev, have had financial and material assistance from some prominent political and financial leaders in Saudi Arabia through Iqraa International.</p>	
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	<p>In late 2000, the Egyptian national left Russia (he was charged in absentia and put on the list of wanted persons) and reappeared in Egypt recently. According to the Federal Security Service, Egyptian secret services have been contacted and negotiations over Servakh's extradition are underway.</p> <p>Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka also consulted the autonomous Chechen government on establishing a shariah compliant economy. Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka sponsored Chechen specialists to go to the United States to study shariah compliant Islamic finance.</p> <p>Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka were expanding their global jihadist banking network by setting up operations in a locality where al Qaeda was known to operate and where Kamel and Al Baraka were directing millions of dollar in illicit funding from the Middle East for the purposes of carrying out an Islamic jihad against Russian and foreign civilian targets – including Americans.</p> <p>The involvement of Saleh Abdullah Kamel in providing financial support and assistance to terrorist organizations is also revealed in the context of the Palestinian uprising and the financing of the Hamas terrorist group.</p> <p>According to the declaration by FBI agent David Kane in support of pre-trial detention of Soliman S. Biheiri filed on August 14, 2003 in case 03-365-A, <i>US v. Soliman Biheiri</i>, (US District Court, Eastern District of Virginia), Bait-Ul-Mal Inc (BMI Inc), an Islamic investment firm, “transferred funds to or for terrorists”. The affidavit also includes business relationship with Yassin Al Qadi.</p> <p>In an interview of Soliman Biheiri by agent David Kane on June 15, 2003, Soliman Biheiri claims that BMI attracted investments from major banks, including Al Baraka Bank.</p> <p>The investigation report of his interview with agent David Kane states the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Al Barakat [Al Baraka] Group invested \$500,000 into BMI in late 1992 or early 1993 ... Al Barakat [Al Baraka] subsequently began to invest \$2 to \$3 million a month with BMI”.</p> <p>In 1998, a new bank was founded in Al-Beireh, West</p>	
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	<p>Bank, Palestine, by several financial groups and Arab investors. Al Aqsa Islamic Bank was established with \$20 million in capital. Its main shareholders were Dallah Al Baraka and the Jordan Islamic Bank.</p> <p>Jordan Islamic Bank, a Dallah Al-Baraka subsidiary, owns 14 percent of Al-Aqsa, according to Al-Aqsa's acting general manager, Mohammed Sarsour. In a statement, Saleh Abdullah Kamel acknowledged that Dallah Al-Baraka owns another 12 percent.</p> <p>Since 1998, Israel had refused to approve the bank, citing its obvious ties with Hamas. At the beginning of 2001, several antiterrorist authorities from that country even visited Citibank's headquarters in New York—Al Asqa's correspondent in the United States—to warn its directors of the nature of the bank's activities.</p> <p>According to the Israelis, financial support for the Hamas originated from the U.S. based Muslim charity Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, whose assets were frozen by the US government in December 2001.</p> <p>Finally, the assets of Al Aqsa Islamic Bank and of two shareholders were frozen in December 2001 by the United States pursuant to Executive Order 13224. The bank is described as the "financial branch of Hamas".</p> <p>According to the Department of the Treasury statement:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Al-Aqsa Islamic Bank, with locations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, is a financial arm of Hamas. Al Aqsa is 20% owned by Beit el-Mal, and the two share senior officers and directors. In addition, a majority of its shareholders and senior officials have ties to Hamas. Individuals associated with the Bank have been previously arrested and charged with financing Hamas activities in the Middle East. Soon after the bank opened in 1998 its connection to Hamas extremists became evident and a number of banks refused to clear its transactions."</p> <p>Assets of Beit El-Mal, a 20% shareholder, were frozen. The White House fact sheet stated that :</p>	
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	<p>addition, he had an approximated \$2,800 per month income, plus monthly "allowances" of \$465 from a "ghost job" he held since 1993 with the Saudi aviation services company, Ercan, a subsidiary company of Dallah Avco Aviation, a Saudi government contractor owned by Saleh Kamel.</p> <p>During his "employment" at Ercan, Al-Bayoumi showed up for work only once, a fact that leading his supervisor to complain that he should be fired. The supervisor was reportedly told that Ercan's contract would be terminated if they didn't keep al-Bayoumi on the payroll. In fact, it is reported that in 1999, when another attempt was made to end al-Bayoumi's employment, the director general of Saudi Civil Aviation--in a letter marked "extremely urgent"---made it clear that the government wanted al-Bayoumi's contract renewed "as quickly as possible."</p> <p>The FBI also found that his salary while working for the Saudi Aviation Authority was approved by al Qaeda.</p> <p>Al-Bayoumi also had a steady stream of income through transfers from Majeda Ibrahim Ahmed al Dweikat, the wife of Osama Bassnan. Bassnan is a known al Qaeda sympathizer who "celebrated the heroes of September 11th" and talked about "what a wonderful and glorious day it had been." Bassnan was suspected to be a Saudi spy being groomed to replace al-Bayoumi. Bassnan was deported from the United States after the September 11th attacks on visa violations and is likely living in Saudi Arabia.</p> <p>In April 1998, Bassnan solicited the Saudi Embassy for help on his wife's behalf for thyroid surgery. At that time, Saudi Ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan wrote San Diego resident Bassnan a \$15,000 check from a Saudi Embassy account at Riggs Bank which was reportedly supposed to be used for the medical treatment. When Bassnan's wife made a separate request to the ambassador's wife, Princess Haifa al-Faisal, the ambassador's check became the first payment of regular monthly installments of \$2,000 to \$3,000 to his wife's bank account. The later payments came from Princess Haifa, in the form of cashier's checks, also from Riggs Bank, continuing until the summer of 2002 and totaled approximately \$130,000.</p>	
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	<p>The FBI later discovered, in 2002, that beginning in 2000, Bassnan's wife began signing her checks over to a woman named Manal Bajadr, al-Bayoumi's wife. The money is then believed to have been forwarded on to the September 11th hijackers by al-Bayoumi who is known to have logistically and financially supported the hijackers. This conclusion supports Bassnan's boast to the FBI that he had done more for the two terrorist hijackers than al-Bayoumi.</p> <p>Al Baraka Bank provided material support to the Spanish Al-Qaeda cell uncovered by the investigation and prosecution of Judge Baltasar Garzon since 2002.</p> <p>Saleh Kamel and Al Baraka Bank also provided material support to the Spanish Al Qaeda cell which directly funded and helped coordinate the September 11th hijacker cell. Muhammed Galeb Kalaje Zouaydi, financial head of the cell, used Al Baraka Bank Finance House in Turkey to transfer money to Mohamed Bahaiah, aka Abu Khaled, courier of Osama bin Laden in Europe, and brother-in-law of Zouaydi.</p> <p>Spanish authorities seized documentation regarding bank transfers between Muhammed Zouaydi and Fawaz Zakri, another alleged member of al-Qaeda network in Istanbul for an amount of \$3,000 US. The bank transfer was handled through Al Baraka Turk Finance House. This money transfer had the final destination "Imad", Imad Eddin Barakat Yarkas, according to Spanish officials. Imad Eddin Barakat Yarkas was the head of the Spanish cell.</p> <p>Saleh Kamel provided material support to the Hamburg Al Qaeda cell which planned, organized, and carried out the September 11th attacks.</p> <p>Saleh Abdullah Kamel is a principal shareholder and former Chairman of the Saudi Arabia-based Tihama Group for Advertising, Public relations & Marketing.</p> <p>The mastermind behind the September 11th attacks, Ramzi Binalshibh, owned a joint bank account with the Saudi Arabia-based Tihama Group for Advertising, Public Relations & Marketing while he was living in Hamburg, Germany and planning the September 11th attacks.</p> <p>Shortly after September 11th, German authorities</p>	
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	<p>income to the families of the murderers.</p> <p>Another Kamel-sponsored program on Iqraa TV, <i>Muslim Woman Magazine</i>, explicitly extols the virtues of child violence and hatred against Jews and Christians:</p> <p>“Anchor Doaa Amer: Our report today will be a little different because our guest is a girl, a Muslim girl, but a true Muslim. Allah willing, may our God give us the strength to educate our children the same way, so that the next generation will turn out to be true Muslims who understand that they are Muslims and know who their enemies are. This girl will introduce herself immediately. She is the daughter of my sister in faith and of the artist Wagdi al-Arabia. Her name is Basmallah.</p> <p>3 ½ Year Old Guest Basmallah: Allah's mercy and blessing upon you.</p> <p>'Amer: Basmallah, how old are you?'</p> <p>Child: Three-and-a-half.</p> <p>'Amer: Are you a Muslim?'</p> <p>Child: Yes.</p> <p>'Amer: Basmallah, are you familiar with the Jews?'</p> <p>Child: Yes.</p> <p>'Amer: Do you like them?'</p> <p>Child: No.</p> <p>'Amer: Why don't you like them?'</p> <p>Child: Because ...</p> <p>'Amer (prompting): Because they are what?'</p> <p>Child: They're apes and pigs.</p>	
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	<p>'Amer: Because they're apes and pigs? Who said they are so?</p> <p>Child: Our God.</p> <p>Amer: Where did he say this?</p> <p>Child: In the Koran.</p> <p>Amer: Right, he said that about them in the Koran.. Basmallah, Allah be praised! Basmallah, Allah be praised! May our God bless her. No one could wish Allah could give him a more believing girl than she. ... May Allah bless her and her father and mother. The next generation of children must be true Muslims. We must educate them now while they are still children so that they will be true Muslims.</p> <p>Another Iqraa TV program attempts to justify suicide bombings against Israeli civilian targets. Adel Sadeq, the chair of the Arab Psychiatrists Association, glorified suicide bombing and the taking of Israeli lives:</p> <p>“Only our culture understands sacrifice, loyalty and honour. No one in the [western] world sacrifices his life for his homeland. If his homeland is drowning he is the first to jump ship. But in our culture it is different because when a martyr dies, he reaches the height of bliss. When the martyr explodes, he knows that he is not dead. He is simply in transition to another, more beautiful world, because he knows very well that within seconds he will see the light of the Creator.”</p> <p>Saleh Kamel has made clear that he wishes to target this same type of militant and hate-filled ideological programming to U.S. audiences.</p> <p>In January 2003, Saleh Kamel announced that he planned to invest \$100 million in an “English-language radio station, a multi-language television channel and a U.S.-</p>	
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	<p>based public relations firm ... designed to present an alternative picture of the Muslim world to that broadcast by the mainstream international media,” and, “explain real Islam.”</p> <p>In October 2001, Saleh Kamel stated that he was negotiating with U.S.-based EchoStar satellite TV service distribution company and that the parties were “seriously thinking of producing an English-language channel aimed at opening West’s eyes to Arab culture.”</p> <p>As the foregoing demonstrates, Kamel thereby knowingly has, for a period of many years, provided critical financial and logistical support to al Qaeda, and/or Radical Muslim Terrorism, and/or the International Islamic Front for the Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders, to support the terrorist organization’s global jihad. The September 11th Attack was a direct, intended and foreseeable product of Kamel’s participation in the jihad campaign for al Qaeda, and/or Radical Muslim Terrorism, and/or the International Front for the Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders.</p>	
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